

Please reject the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking #02-230, which would limit the functionality of digital television sets. The industry is repeating the stupidity of many years earlier when they thought the new technology, radio, would destroy the phonograph record industry. It not only did not destroy it, it increased its sales!

The •broadcast flag• proposal is a token of greed, the kind of greed that injures innovation. The proposed •broadcast flag• significantly slow innovation in digital television and related technologies.

Yes, piracy is a valid concern, but who are the biggest pirates? They are the people who want to hijack digital technology because it threatens the status quo.

Innovation always threatens the status quo. The entertainment industry does not deserve to be enriched at the expense of innovation! The American people do NOT deserve to be deprived of innovation just because people in entertainment industry feel threatened by technological advances!

Too many people define free enterprise as \"free for me and the government will protect me from any competition!\" That is not free enterprise, that is government guaranteed monopoly!